GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:209
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ASSISTANCE TO BACKWARD CLASSES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing economic assistance to backward classes for higher education through National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of persons benefited by it annually during the last three years and the amount of funds made available for this purpose, State-wise;

(d) the criteria adopted for selection of people for the assistance; and

(e) the total number of applications received during 1999-2000 in this regard, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) & (b) The Government of India is implementing the `Educational Loan Scheme` through the National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC). As per guidelines of the Scheme, the eligible student submits loan application to State Channelising Agency (SCA) of the State to which he/she belongs and the proposal to draw funds from NBCFDC is submitted by the SCA.Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to the students Backward Classes living below double the poverty line to meet the admission fee, tuition fee, examination fee and expenses on books, stationery and other instruments required and boarding & lodging etc. for pursuing general/professional/technical courses or training at graduate and/or higher level.

(c) A statement is enclosed.

(d) The eligibility conditions for obtaining loan under the scheme are as under:

1. The student should belong to Backward Classes as notified by the Central or State Governments from time to time.

2. The family income of the applicant should not exceed Rs. 42,412/-(double the poverty line).

3. The applicant should have obtained the admission during current session in the course and the institute approved by AICTE, Medical Council of India, etc., as the case may be.

(e) During the year 1999-2000, proposals only from the SCAs of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu were received by the NBCFDC for disbursement of funds to provide financial assistance to 1, 2, and 8 students respectively.

Statement in reply to Part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.209 for 1-3-2002 by Shri SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN AND SI SAVSHIBHAI MAKWANA regarding Assistance to Backward Classes for Higher Education

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.N.	State/UT	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001	
		Amount	Beneficiaries	Amount	Beneficiaries	Amount	Beneficiaries
1.	Bihar	Nil	Nil	0.55	1	0.31	1
2.	Kerala	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	0.75	1
3.	Madhya Pradesh	0.59	2	0.33	2	0.15	2
4.	Pondicherry	0.11	1	Nil	Nil	4.81	20

5. Tamil Nadu	2.45	8	0.72	8	0.48	8
Total	3.15	11	1.60	11	6.50	32